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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of prior PCT International Application No. PCT/JP97/02370 which has an International filing date of July 9, 1997 which designated the United States of America.--

PAGE 18: Line 18, change "BRCA1, gene" to --BRCA1 gene--